

A large number of the unsolicited telemarketing calls I received before implementation of the National no-call list were prerecorded messages. The frequency and number of prerecorded messages was growing fast as the technologies became more popular and less expensive. I was glad to have them all stop when the National No-call list was implemented.

It is my understanding the proposed changes will have an "opt-out" option where consumers to tell individual companies they wish to be excluded or removed from their calling lists. An "opt-in" option would be much better. As I believe most consumers already on the list don't want to be bothered with the calls anyway. That is why they put their name on the list in the first place.

As I consumer, I do like to know about specials being offered by companies that I have done business with, but I don't want to be interrupted by their unsolicited phone calls. For those companies from which I want to receive unsolicited information, I provide them with my mailing address and/or electronic e-mail address. I am also very selective about who I do give my e-mail address to.

For those consumers who would like to receive unsolicited calls from specific businesses, either automated pre-recorded messaged, or an actual person, I would offer this suggestion:

Allow a consumer to inform a specific company that they consent to receiving unsolicited telemarketing calls.

The National no-call list has been a great thing. Don't ruin it by adding more loopholes. It is there to serve the millions of individuals who signed up, not telemarketers and special interest groups. If someone doesn't like it, they don't have to sign up. If they have signed up and want to receive unsolicited calls, they should remove their name from the list.